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"Islands, Castles & Portable Operations"
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07/01/2011: Cezar, VE3LYC and Johan, PA3EXX will attempt a very challenging expedition to Wollaston Islands (IOTA SA-031) and Diego Ramirez Islands (IOTA SA-097) between approximately 7th-22nd January 2011. In demand by 98% of IOTA chasers, SA-031 currently ranks #6 on the Most Wanted IOTA list World Wide and #1 in South America, whereas SA-097 has never been activated. The plan is to operate for 4 days from Herschel Island (IOTA SA-031) and Gonzalo Island (IOTA SA-097). However, weather and sea conditions can influence significantly this schedule. The team has retained for this trip the services of Thomas, an experienced skipper, with his 40 ft yacht, well equiped for Antarctic waters. Callsigns: CE9/VE3LYC and CE9/PA3EXX. QSL ALL QSOs via VE3LYC, direct or bureau. Further information can be found on their website at: CE9iota.weebly.com/ [VE3LYC]

07/01/2011: Operators Alan VK3XPD, Kevin VK4UH and Mike VK3KH, will once again be active from Norfolk Island (IOTA OC-005, WLOTA 1469, WW Loc. RG30XX) as VK9NA from 7-20th January. This is the same group that did a VHF, UHF and Microwave DXpedition earlier in 2010. The team is planning to operate on 50, 144, 432, 1296, 2403, 5760, 10368 EME. Yagis up to 432, 1.2m dish for higher bands. 75w on 10 GHz from TWT. QSL via VK3KH. Further information and updates at: www.vk9na.com/index.html

08/01/2011: Francis, F6BLP, will once again be active as 6W7SK from Saly Portudal, Senegal, from 8-21st January 2011. QRV on 17/20/30/40m, mainly CW, with IC7000 and G5RV antenna. QSL via F6BLP direct, bureau and LoTW. [F6AJA]

08/01/2011: Patrick, F8DYD, will be active on Saturday 8th January 2011 as homecall/p from the Castle of Sechere (DFCF 86-078), Saint Secondin City (CP 86350), and the Mill of Vent (DMF 86-036), Usson City (CP 86350). Department Vienne/86 and Province Poitou-Charentes (DPF 19). Locator JN06GH. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. [F8DYD]

09/01/2011: Eddy, ON4AFU, will be leaving Belgium on the 9th of January 2011 for a 3 month stay in Thailand, with a side trip to Cambodia. His main QTH in Thailand will be Pathui, where he will operate as HS0ZJF. From 20th January to 10th February he will be active as HS0ZJF/8 from two different islands: Ko Samui (IOTA AS-101, WLOTA 1384) and Ko Tao (IOTA AS-101, WLOTA 1642). On 11-20th February he expects to be QRV as HS0ZJF/9 from the IOTA AS-126 group. From 23 February until 8 March Eddy will be active from Cambodia as XU7AFU with a possible activation of AS133 Koh Russei (IOTA AS-133) as XU7KOH. Dates may change according to local circumstances. On 10-22nd March he will be QRV as HS0ZJF/8 from Ko Yao Yai (IOTA AS-053). QSL via ON4AFU, direct or bureau. Website: www.on4afu.net/ [425 DX News/DE0MST]

10/01/2011: Marty, W2CG, will be active again as P40CG from the Oceania Condos, Eagle Beach, island of Aruba (IOTA SA-036, WLOTA 0033) on 10-24th January 2011. Operating time will be limited mostly to his morning and early evening hours; expect him to be QRV on 80-10 metre CW, with some SSB "on request". Equipment will be IC-7000 Transceiver, Icom AT-180 Tuner, 11 Meter

collapsible Vertical and Carolina Windom. QSL via home call direct, bureau and/or LoTW. No eQSL! [425 DX News]

10/01/2011: Joe, DJ1JB (V31ML) and Max, DJ4EL (V31ME) will be active from four of Belize's islands during January 2011. They plan to activate the following IOTAs on the following dates: 10-11th January Ambergris Caye (NA-073); 11-14th January Caye Caulker (NA-073); 14-18th January Long Caye (NA-123) and 18-26th January Tobacco Caye (NA-180). Plans are to be QRV on 80-10 metre SSB using two stations with 100 watts into homemade Quads, a wire antenna and a vertical. QSL via home calls, bureau or direct. [OPDX Bulletin]

10/01/2011: Wade, AA8LL and Roger, K0RMK will be active as AA8LL/4 and K0RMK/4 from Key Largo (IOTA NA-062, USi FL049S, Monroe County), State of Florida, on 10-17th January 2011. QRV holiday style on 40-12 metres SSB (24950, 21260, 18128, 14260 and 7155 kHz), CW (28040, 24910, 21040, 18098, 14040, 10114 and 7030 kHz) and RTTY (24925, 21079, 18102, 14079, 10139 and 7039 kHz) with 200 watts and wires. QSL via home calls, direct or bureau. Wade will also upload his log to LoTW and eQSL. [425 DX News]

12/01/2011: Gerry, VE6LB, will be active holiday style from Dubai, U.A.E., as A6/VE6LB between 12th January and 8th February 2011. QRV on 40-10 metres, using 100 watts and G5RV. QSL via VE6LB direct, bureau or E-mail request. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

13/01/2011: Bernhard, DL2GAC, will be on a DX vacation to Honiara, on Guadalcanal Island (IOTA OC-047, WLOTA 0086), Solomon Islands, between 13th January and 12th April 2011. QRV mainly SSB, but will focus on 80 and 40 metres. QSL via home call. [OPDX Bulletin]

14/01/2011: A group of JA operators plan to take a DX holiday at the 'Captain's Last Resort' on Christmas Island (OC-002) from 14-20 January 2011. Operators mentioned (with their own VK9X callsign) are: Takeo JA3BZO (VK9XA), Hiroko JH3PBL (VK9XL), Shimatake JI3DNN (VK9XN), Masumi JA3AVO (VK9XO), Nakasako JA3UJR (VK9XJR), Kunio JA1CJA (VK9XXY) and Nishimura JA3HJI (TBD). Both bands and modes of activity have not yet been announced. QSL via the operator's home callsign. A Web site is currently under construction at: www.nakade.jp/vk9x.htm [OPDX Bulletin]

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LOOKING AHEAD -

18/01/2011: John, G8HWI, will once again be active from the island of Malta (IOTA EU-023, MIA MM-001, WLOTA 1113) as 9H3JS from 18th to 30th January 2011. Focus will be on 20m PSK31 at 2 to 3 Watts (QRP). Antenna will be an end fed half wave, strung vertically up a fiberglass fishing pole. QSL via his home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

01/02/2011: Look for special callsign 8J6S to be active between 1st February and 31st March 2011 to celebrate the full opening of the Kyushu Shinkansen Bullet Train - connection completion between Hakata and Shin-Yatsushiro (S stands for "Sakura" (or Cherry), a new express train service between Shin-Osaka and Kagoshima-Chuo), island of Kyushu (IOTA AS-077, WLOTA 0963), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

01/02/2011: Operators Leopoldo I8LWL, Fred IK7JWX, Ruggero IK2PZC, Simon IZ7ATN and Mounaim CN8QY plan to activate the rare Herne Island (IOTA AF-068) as CN2LWL on 1-5th of February 2011. QSL manager for CN2LWL will be I8LWL. They also plan to operate as 5C2J (IK7JWX), 5C2L (I8LWL), 5C2P (IK2PZC) from the Natural Park of the coast of Dakhla (WFF CNFF-007). QSL

this activity via their home calls. Log online after the DXpedition at: www.i8lwl.it/ NOTE: no credit will be given for operations after 31 January 2001 from the following islands unless evidence is produced that removes the doubt over IOTA qualification mentioned below. In the case of sovereignty dispute, copies of the licence and permission to operate from the island are required. Credit will continue to be allowed for operations that took place before 1 February 2001. AF-068 S0 (CN) Herne and Virginia Islands - sovereignty disputed between Western Sahara and Morocco. [IK7JWX]

07/02/2011: Bill, N7OU and Bob, W7YAQ will be teaming up for another DXpedition to the Pacific, this time to Tarawa Atoll [Gilbert Islands], Kiribati, (T30, IOTA OC-017). They will be operational 8-22nd February 2011, 160-10m, mostly CW with some RTTY and SSB, and using 100w and verticals. They will be a MS entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February). Callsigns TBA. QSL via home calls. [NG3K]

10/02/2011: A crew composed of members of the Provins ARC (F6KOP) is heading to Kribi, Cameroon, from 10-20 February 2011. They have applied for the TJ3C callsign. This international team, whose members know themselves very well for being members of several F6KOP DXpeditions together in the past will consist of: Frank F4AJQ (Team Leader), Seb F5UFX (Assistant Team Leader), Michel FM5CD, Bob N6OX, Wild Bill N2WB, Dave K4SV, Eric ON7RN, Gabriele I2VGW, Jean Paul F8BJI, Alain F6ENO, Jean-Luc F6BIV, Michel F5EOT, John F5VHQ, Gerard F2JD, Gerard F2VX, Yan F1NGP, Mathieu F5PED and Henri F1HRE. QRV on all bands from 160 to 10m, in all modes, CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK. Six stations (5 x FT450SAT and 1 x K3), 6 PA (Acom 1010) and 6 laptops, using Wintest software, will be on the air, 24hrs a day for 9 days. The antenna farm will consist of Spderbeams (3 x five banders, 1 x tribander, and 1 x WARC bands), Vertical for 20, 30, 40, 75, 80 and 160m. For the lower bands according to the place usuable, 1 or 2 beverage and a K9YA system will be settled. A website is under construction; the address will be published asap. The main target is established at 80,000 QSO's, for these nine days, with emphasis on lower bands, 160 to 30m and digimodes. QSL manager: Didier, F5OGL. Pilot Station: Serge, F6AML. Webmaster: Thierry, F4TTR. Info by Internet Mailing list: Maurice, F5NQL (subscribe by F5NQL at aol.com). [F5NQL]

11/02/2011: Eltje, PA3CEE and Johan, PE9DX will be QRV moonbounce 2 metre as C56EME, a special moonbounce permit is requested, from The Gambia (WW Loc. IK13QL) from 11th-21st February 2011. If all goes ok they will have a small 70cm setup with them. QSL via PA3CEE. Further information and updates at: www.emelogger.com/gambia [MMMonVHF]

12/02/2011: Look for special event station TM8AAW to be on the air between 12th and 28th February 2011. Activity is to celebrate the 8th Antarctic Activity Week. Operation will be made by Fran?ois, F8DVD from his QTH of Macon in the eastern part of France, Department Saone et Loire/71 and Province Burgundy (DPF 05). WAP reference for TM8AAW is 199. Operations will be from 40-10 metres, mostly SSB. QSL via F8DVD, direct (QRZ.com) or by the bureau. For more details, see: tm8aaw.monsite-orange.fr/ [Pete's-DX-Newsdesk]

19/02/2011: Maz, NH0S will be active as NH0S/KH2 from the island of Guam (IOTA OC-026, USi GU003S, WLOTA 0064, WFF KFF-110) for the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February) as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry. QSL via JF2SKV, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

19/02/2011: John, K6AM will be active as a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX CW Contest (19-20 February) from Savannah, Grand Cayman

Island (IOTA NA-016, WLOTA LH-1042). QSL via home call, direct or bureau. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

01/03/2011: Special event station 8N1MOMO will be active between 1st March and 4th April 2011 to celebrate the 35th Koga City (JCC 1404) Momo (or Peach Blossom) Festival and for the 18th Fire Balloon Contest. Koga City is located in the Kanto region, Ibaraki Prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

02/03/2011: Ken, N2ZN, will be active from the Palmetto Place Guesthouse, Placencia, Belize (WW Loc. EK56TM, V31MD QTH) as V31AM from 2nd to 8th March 2011, including a Single-Op/All-Band/High-Power entry in the ARRL DX SSB Contest (5-6th March). Activity before and after the contest will be mainly on CW or digital modes + WARC bands. QSL via home call, bureau or direct. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

10/03/2011: Look for Don W5FKX, Jim N5HZ, David W5XU and Mike W5ZPA to be active from the Signal Point contest station on the island of Curacao (IOTA SA-099, WLOTA 0942) as PJ2/homecall between 10th and 17 March 2011. Expect activity on all HF bands and modes. QSL via home calls. [CCC]

18/03/2011: Kazu, JK3GAD/M0CFW, will be active from the isle of Jersey (IOTA EU-013, WLOTA 0818) as MJ0CFW from 18th-21st March 2011. QRV 160-10m, including an entry in the Russian DX Contest (19-20th March). QSL via M0CFW. Logs will be uploaded to LoTW. [NG3K]

18/03/2011: Gayle, K6GO along with other YL operators will be active as PJ2/homecall from the Signal Point super-station on the island of Curacao (IOTA SA-099, WLOTA 0942) from 18-21st March 2011. QRV on all HF bands. QSL via home calls. [CCC]

22/03/2011: Helmut, DF7ZS, will be active as CT9/homecall from Santana, island of Madeira (IOTA AF-014, DIP MA-001, WLOTA 0053) from 22nd to 29th March 2011. He will also participate in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as CQ3L (QSL via DJ6QT). Expect activity on all HF bands. QSL via home call, direct or bureau. [NG3K]

23/03/2011: Geoff W0CG (PJ2DX), Jack N4RV, Marty K2PLF and others will be active from Signal Point, Curacao (IOTA SA-099, WLOTA 0942), between 22nd March and 6th April 2011, including a M/S or M/2 entry in the CQWW WPX SSB Contest (26-27 March) as PJ2T. Outside the contest they will use PJ2/homecall or their personal PJ2 callsigns. QSL via their home calls. QSL PJ2T via N9AG / LoTW. [CCC]

02/04/2011: Hans SM6CVX, Derek G3KHZ, Luis CT1AGF, Mike G3JKX, Martyn G3UKV and Stig (none ham) will be active from several island groups of Papua New Guinea during the month of April 2011. Plans are to be QRV on 160-6m CW, SSB and RTTY, using 4 active stations at all the times. Schedule: Feni Island (IOTA OC-101, Grid Loc. QI65), Bismarck Archipelago, on 2-7th April, using the callsign P29VCX. Nuguria Island (IOTA OC-257, Grid Loc. QI76), Bougainville district, on 8-14th April, using the callsign P29NI. Green Island (IOTA OC-231, Grid Loc. QI75), North Solomons, Papua New Guinea, on 15-18th April, using the P29VLR. Following this expedition Hans, SM6CVX, (and Stig) will activate Misima Island (IOTA OC-117, Grid Loc. QH69), Louisiade Archipelago, on 22-25th April; and Loloata Island (IOTA OC-240, Grid Loc. QI30) on 25-27th April, using the callsign P29VCX. QSL P29VCX and P29VLR via SM6CVX, QSL P29NI via G3KHZ. Further info can be found on their website at: p29ni.weebly.com/ [islandchaser.com]

30/07/2011: Paul M0TZO, Peter 2E0SQL, Gavin M1BXF, Iain M0PCB (FISTS #7194), Louis MU6FER and Chloe M0GEJ will be active from the island of Guernsey (IOTA EU-114, WLOTA 0013) as MU0TZO during the RSGB IOTA Contest (30-31 July). QSL direct or bureau to M0TZO. [rsgbiota.org]

30/07/2011: Operators Rick W4PC (FISTS #8252), Thelma WB2MVH, Erin KJ4MFO, Victoria KJ4YWU will activate Santa Rosa [aka Okaloosa] Island (IOTA NA-142, USi FL003S, Escambia/Okaloosa counties), Florida, for the RSGB IOTA Contest (30-31 July). QSL direct to W4PC or LoTW. [rsgbiota.org]

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SPECIAL EVENTS -

07/01/2011 Special callsign 8J3KTR is currently active until 31st March 2011 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the business transfer regarding Miyazu Line, from West Japan Railway Company to Kitakinki Tango Railway Corporation. QSL direct w/SAE & IRC. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

07/01/2011 Special callsign 8N7MK is currently active until 31st March 2011 to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Morioka Daiichi Koko (or Morioka First High School), Morioka city (JCC 0301), Tohoku region, Iwate Prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. Founded in 1880, Morioka Ichiko is the second oldest high school in Iwate prefecture and one of the oldest in Japan. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

07/01/2011 Special event station 8N7YAB is currently active until 31st March 2011 to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of JA7YAB, Club Station of Faculty of Engineering, Yamagata University, Yonezawa City (JCC 0502), Tohoku region, Yamagata Prefecture, island of Honshu (IOTA AS-007, WLOTA 2376), Japan. QSL via the JARL bureau. [JJ1WTL/AC6IM]

10/01/2011: Radio Club D'Haiti, Port-au-Prince, Haiti (IOTA NA-096, WLOTA 0343), will activate special callsign 4V1 to remember the Haiti Earthquake of 12 January 2010. QRV from 10-20 January 2011. QSL via Gary D. Mentro (N3OS), 11028 Ewing Dr, Dade City, FL 33525-0931, USA. Frequency and times will be announced on 14.300 MHz, (Inter-Con and MM Net Frequency) in recognition of the assistance the nets provided for months following the massive earthquake of 12 January 2010. They will operate from several sites at various times on numerous frequencies. Check 14.300 Mhz often for operation times and frequencies. [ARRL]

U.S.A. Special Events can be found at: www.arrl.org/special-event-stations

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LIGHTHOUSE CALENDAR -

10/01-20/01 4V1: Haiti Island WLOTA:0343 QSL N3OS (d)
10/01-24/01 P40CG: Aruba Island WLOTA:0033 QSL W2CG (d/b)
11/01-20/01 3B9/F6HMJ: Rodrigues Island WLOTA:4265 QSL HC (d/b)
13/01-12/04 H44MS: Guadalcanal Island WLOTA:0086 QSL DL2GAC (d/b)

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COUNTY HUNTING (USA-CA) -

K3IMC - Don - 2* - 1/12/2011 to 1/24/2011 - SSB and CW - ECC accepted
I am finally going to do it. My wife and I are going to Hawaii to put out all five counties. My wife does not necessarily agree with my priority, but what can I say. We are visiting the islands of Oahu, Kauai, Molokai, Maui, and Hawaii.

The schedule below may change based on weather and what we are doing. I will try to update this schedule daily, so check each morning.

The planned dates for each county are:

Oahu - Jan. 12 and 14
Kauai - Jan. 16 to 17
Kalawao + Maui - Jan. 19
Maui - Jan. 20 to 21
Hawaii - Jan. 23 to 24

I will have only 20m, and plan most of the activity on SSB (14.336 MHz), but will run CW off the 20m SSB net frequency at the end of the SSB run. Unless stated otherwise, CW will be run on 14.343 if it is clear.

I will probably be monitoring the net during daylight hours, and I will try to work any mobile stations I hear. After researching various propagation predictions, I feel that the best conditions for the east coast should occur between 2200 and 2400 UTC. That is 5:00 to 7:00 PM east coast time.

I hope sun spot cycle god keeps conditions good. I am sorry that I will only be on Kalawao one day. Good hunting! QSL via home call. [County Hunter Web]
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6 METRES & UP -

08/01 Contest Romagna 50MHz 0900z-1500z
08/01-09/01 10th District 2m Simplex Contest 08 1200-09 1200 local time
08/01-20/01 VK9NA: Norfolk Isl OC-005 Grid:RG30xx 6m-10.3G EME QSL VK3KH (d)
11/01 RSGB 432MHz UKAC 2000z-2230z
12/01 MOON Contest 432MHz 1900z-2100z
13/01 LY 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2159z
13/01 NRAU 50MHz Activity Contest 1800z-2200z

GOT6??? - Six Meter Information by Andy 'NEON' Sargent N8OFS at:
http://noars.net/got6/GOT6.txt (Updated 04 January 2011)

Information about current VHF activities can be found on the VHF DX portal "Make More Miles on VHF" at: www.MMMonVHF.de/

SOTA (Summits On The Air) Watch Alerts at: www.sotawatch.org/
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QSL INFORMATION -

Andrew, G7COD states that he is completely up to date with the return of QSL ?s for those received direct from previous activation?s?. If you have not received yours, please send your QSL again. All QSL?s should be sent via the bureau or direct to G7COD.

QSLs via Bureau: A?7AJR, D68BT, IM?/IK?FMB, JW/CT1BWW and OL7R.

QSLs via Direct: 3DA?TM (QRZ.com), 8R1RPN (OH?XX), 9J2KK (JK1NSR), 9Q5?ON (ON4BR), 9U?A (DL7DF), 9X?SP (DL7DF), AH?BT (7L1FPU), ES1QD (QRZ.com), ES5QD (QRZ.com), FJ/SM5FUJ (hc), FM1HN (NI5DX), HS?AC (HS?ZFZ), J88CF (EB7DX), JY5HX (QRZ.com), PJ2/N2MF (hc), PJ4D (W3HNK), PJ6A (OQRS), PX8J [Lencois Island SA-041] (http://www.px8j.com/ PY7ZY), PX8L (PY7ZY), RI1FJ (UA2FM), TO3GA (DL3GA), TO7ZG (DL7AFS), VP2V/NY6X (hc), VP8DMH (G0VGS) and ZL7A (JF1OCQ).

QSLs via LoTW: 4O3A, 5V7TT, 5W?KH, 5X1NH, 9L5VT, 9X?TL, AM3SSB, C6APT, C6AUM, E4X, EA5BZ, EA8FJ, EN22?FI, F1PKH, GM4YXI, HK4SAN, I4IKW, IV3RAV, J79XBI, JF1SEK, LX1CW, LX1DA, LX8RTTY, MD?CCE, OE3GCU, OG4X, OH7MA, OJ?B, OK1DG, OK2PAY, ON4CMT, ON4WW, OR2M, OX3XR, OZ4VV, PA5RA, RZ3AFK, SN?HQ, SN3R, SN7Q, SN9U, S5?PTUJ, SQ7WK, T77C, TO7ZG, US3QQ, US5XD, UT1UY, V31RR, V44KAI, VO1HP, VP2E/W1UE, W8FJ, YL5T, YN2AA, ZL8X and ZP6CW.

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LINKS -
IOTA (Islands On The Air) at: www.rsgbiota.org/
SOTA (Summits On The Air) at: www.sota.org.uk/
WCA (World Castles on the Air) at: www.wca.qrz.ru/ENG/main.html
WFF (World Flora & Fauna) at: wff44.com/
WLOTA (World Lighthouses On The Air at: www.wlota.com/
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SILENT KEYS -

A. George Spencer, VE3AGS, passed away December 21, 2010. He was 90. Spencer served as ARRL Canadian Division Vice Director from January 1970-January 1974. In 1974 -- upon the election of Canadian Director Noel Eaton, VE3CJ, as ARRL Vice President -- Spencer moved up to the Director position and served one term. An engineer by training and profession, Spencer lived all across Canada. While on the ARRL Board of Directors, he was VE2MS and then VE4IM; he later became VE6AW before moving to Ontario and obtaining his initials. [ARRL Letter-List]

Leonard Andrew "Woody" Woodward, W7KOP, of Mapleton, Utah, passed away December 25, 2010. He was 99. Woodward -- who, according to the Boy Scouts of America, was the "longest continuously registered Scouter" -- was involved with scouting for more than 87 years. BSA's Utah National Parks Council Program Director John Gailey called Woodward "an amazing man" and told the ARRL that his friend was still "very much active on the air weeks before his death." At the age of 8 in 1918, Woodward built his own radio. At the time of his death, he was using the Internet to connect Amateur Radio operators around the world. Woodward was known all over the world as an unofficial ambassador of America and Scouting through his radio contacts. Read more here <http://www.arrl.org/news/america-s-oldest-scouter-woody-woodward-w7kop-sk>. [ARRL Letter-List]
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BITS & PIECES -

Didier F6DXE is, at the moment, in Chili as CE?/F6DXE with 100 watts and verticale antenna. He is trying to be active one hour per day mostly when the propagation is good for Europe in CW: 7025, 14025 and SSB: 7140, 14205, 21250, 28450. He is travelling from CE7 to CE6, CE4, CE5 and CE3 until January 20. QSL via home call. [F6AJA]

The new WAP Bulletin 243 has been published.
I've also uploaded the new WACA and WADA Directories and the IK6CAC WAP software Update n? 14 too. All at: www.waponline.it/
I wish You a happy new 2011 full of sunspots!
73' de IZ1HKE

January 4, 2011
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Yasme Excellence Awards

The Yasme Excellence Awards are given to individuals who through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. (www.yasme.org/excellence.html) The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and

prosper. The YASME Foundation recognizes the following individuals in order to inspire them and others on behalf of amateur radio now and in the future.

* Ram?n Santoyo V, XE1KK who is recognized for his work in advancing Mexican ham radio and representation within the international radio community. In addition, Ram?n serves as IARU Region 2 Secretary. He has been a tireless advocate of amateur radio in Central America and a strong proponent of radiosport and the World Radiosport Team Championships. Voices like Ram?n's help the amateur community work together worldwide, strengthening our position and reputation as important members of the wireless community.

* Makoto (Mako) Mori, JE3HHT who deserves much credit for popularizing RTTY by writing the MMTTY software modem and making it available for integration into logging software. He also wrote MMVARI, which implements other popular digital modes, and several other digital mode software products. MMTTY is a great product and Mako has exhibited great ham spirit with a huge effect as can be observed as RTTY operation continues to be the fastest growing mode of HF digital operation.

* Bruce Horn, WA7BNM who continues to generate useful and innovative web sites including a complete upgrade of his excellent contest calendar Web site. Bruce supports contesting with a web site that enables contesters to convert paper and other forms of contest logs to Cabrillo format. His 3830 score reporting and compilation service has changed the nature of radiosport. Bruce was also a key player in the initial efforts to develop methods of exchanging scoring information in the web-friendly XML format.

* Rick Meuthing, KN6KB for developing the new WINMOR sound-card digital mode software now gaining wide use in the worldwide Winlink 2000 system. Many attempts at approaching the performance of the proprietary PACTOR III protocol and hardware failed before WINMOR, attesting to the difficulty of the problem. Rick also invented an improved "channel busy" detector that senses many different types of modulation and will drastically reduce the inter mode QRM common from other semi-automated digital protocols.

* Mikael Styrefors, SM2O who has developed the Remote Radio Interface. The ability to connect radios and operators transparently and robustly over the Internet is a key technological element of putting top-grade remote HF stations on the air - something more common every day. Remote stations will undoubtedly be important in making and keeping amateur radio available to urban and suburban amateurs in the future as they deal with an increasingly noise-filled and interference-prone electromagnetic environment.

* Alex Shovkoplyas, VE3NEA for developing DX Atlas, Morse Runner, HAM-CAP, CW Skimmer, Rocky and other innovative software. Alex's products are making a remarkable impact on the competitive HF operating environment. The quality of the software is remarkable, and having it available to the amateur community at little or no cost demonstrates excellent ham spirit. Programs like these are rapidly expanding the technological frontier of radio in general and are prime examples of how amateurs can continue to make contributions.

* Pepe Ardid, EA5KB who makes it possible for many Latin American DXers, who are in many cases saddled with deficient postal services and QSL Bureaus, to confirm contacts with attractive and unique QSL cards. Confirmations are rapid and he confirms not only direct but via bureau as well. Pepe contributes countless hours of service in support of his fellow

amateurs so they can continue to participate in one of amateur radio's most cherished traditions.

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